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Preacher Brown paused, and looked over the congregation. And of course, eventually somebody bit, and said, but dogs can't climb trees. And he said, well, I know they don't do that naturally, but he had to. (Laugh) I am aware that I as a politician do not...or, find raising taxes an unnatural act. But I can do it if I have to.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kruse. Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I too stand in support of overriding the Governor's veto. I believe that education is the most important priority that we have in our state. I believe it is the future, as we have said many times on this floor. I do liken it a little bit to a seed that is planted, and you watch it grow. Just as when that student begins school, and with education and experiences, you see that student grow. I just wanted to make a comment on the entire package I think that we've had before us. I would say that probably most of us today did not expect to be doing what we're doing. But there has been a lot of hard work on behalf of the entire body. The Appropriations Committee, under the guidance of Senator Wehrbein, has worked very hard. Senator Landis and the Revenue Committee, and I believe Senator Brashear, also needs to be complemented. But everyone has worked together to try to find some compromises. There's been a lot of give, and there's been a lot of take. I don't believe any of us are pleased about what we have to do. But for the future of the state, I believe it is the right thing to do. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Erdman on the motion to override.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I'm going to rise in support of overriding the Governor on LB 540. Now, you'll recall that on Final Reading I voted against it. And I mainly voted against it because I felt that there was an idea that I had floated, that might not have been accurate, but I didn't need the extra cent. And so my vote on Final Reading was probably one that could be classified as one of protest. But having said that, I'm going to be willing